



RESOLUTION ON ABC PRIVATIZATION

**Adopted by Government Simplification & Operations Committee
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“This Committee recognizes the importance of privatizing certain government functions that can be accomplished by the private sector and free market system more efficiently, effectively and without harm to the public good. Virginia state government should focus on its core responsibilities and selling alcohol is not one of them. This Committee, therefore, endorses ending Virginia’s outdated government monopoly on the sale of distilled spirits in keeping with the concepts recommended by the Governor’s staff.”

“The private sector has demonstrated for over 75 years that it can safely and responsibly conduct the sale of beer and wine. Distribution and consumer purchases of beer and wine at 6,657 retail stores currently licensed by the Commonwealth’s Alcohol and Beverage Control have worked well. This Committee, therefore, also supports privatizing Virginia’s ABC operations and recommends continuing work with stakeholders to develop legislation to accomplish this important government reform to meet the Governor’s objectives of generating money for transportation while maintaining ABC’s role in regulating the health, safety and marketing of distilled spirits.”